

## MINUTES

### SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY BOARD

July 10, 2012

#### I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Ms. Andrea Gray called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. in Room W064 of the Indiana Government Center South, 302 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana and declared a quorum in accordance with IC 25-35.6-2-1(g).

##### **Members Present:**

Andrea Gray, MS, CCC-A - Board Chair  
Patricia Wong, MA, CCC-SLP – Vice-Chair  
Thomas Hemeyer, Ph.D., CCC-A  
Carol Hession, Ph.D., CCC-A

##### **Members Absent:**

Michael Flahive, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, CCC-A  
Vacant, Otolaryngologist Member  
Vacant, Consumer Member

##### **State Officials Present:**

Thomas McGee, Board Director  
Ronnie C. Saunders III, Assistant Board Director  
Donna Sembroski, Board Advisory Counsel, Office of the Attorney General

#### II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda, as amended.

WONG/HEYEMEYER  
Motion carried 4-0-0

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 17, 2012.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2012 meeting of the Board.

WONG/HEYEMEYER  
Motion carried 4-0-0

#### IV. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

**A. Juilann Marie Ford, 22001708A**  
Re: Renewal Application Review

Ms. Ford failed to appear for her requested personal appearance. The Board considered her provided continuing education. Following the Board's review, it was determined that the following credits would be accepted:

Using Mobile Apps – 2 CEUs  
Autism, Asperger's, SPD & ADHD – 6 CEUs  
IN Very Best Treatment for ADHD & The Processing Disorders – 8 CEUs  
Training sessions for use of animals assisted therapy dog in speech/language therapy programming – 6 CEUs  
Workshop on use of Technology to Enhance Communications of Ideas – 3.5 CEUs  
Self-Study – 6 CEUs

Ms. Ford was found to have presented satisfactory evidence of 31.5 CEUs and was still in need of 4.5 CEUs. The Board directed staff to inform Ms. Ford of the Board's conclusions.

## **V. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

### **A. Stephanie Lynn Levin, License #23002121A Re: Appeal of Denial of Renewal**

#### **Parties and Counsel Present:**

Stephanie L. Levin, Petitioner  
Shannon Reed, Counsel for Petitioner

#### **Witnesses:**

Stephanie L. Levin, Petitioner

#### **Participating Board Members:**

Andrea Gray, MS, CCC-A - Board Chair  
Thomas Hemeyer, Ph.D., CCC-A – Vice-Chair  
Patricia Wong, MA, CCC-SLP  
Carol Hession, Ph.D., CCC-A

#### **Case Summary:**

Ms. Levin presented evidence and testified that she had been under the mistaken impression that the January 10, 2012 meeting was scheduled for January 23, 2012 and this was the reason for her failure to appear at her January 10, 2012 personal appearance. This mistaken impression was due to her being told the wrong date during a discussion with Board staff. Ms. Levin admitted that her personal appearance letter did state the correct date and that she failed to contact the Board to clarify the discrepancy.

Ms. Levin presented evidence that she completed 72 hours of continuing education since her last renewal with at least 36 hours of continuing education coming in the

two years prior to her renewal application. Ms. Levin presented certificates verifying her continuing education credits.

Ms. Levin indicated that she answered “No” on her renewal application question regarding prior discipline due to the fact that she did not understand that when she received a letter of reprimand from the Board, it constituted discipline. She indicated that she did not intend to mislead the Board when she provided this response and that she provided a proper response when she submitted a second renewal in February of 2012.

A motion was made and seconded to reinstate Ms. Levin’s license to practice as an audiologist in the state of Indiana contingent on her passing the Jurisprudence examination.

Heymeyer/Hession  
Motion carried 4-0-0

## **VI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Board Director’s Report**

Mr. McGee informed the Board that PLA executive staff had met with Board President Andrea Gray, Genie McMillan of ISHA regarding upcoming legislative issues for 2013 session. Ms. McMillan had informed those at the meeting of concerns from ISHA with regards to occupational therapists seeking to amend the statute to include treatment of dysphasia (or swallowing). Mr. McGee also informed the Board that the Regulated Occupations Evaluations Committee could be recommending to the legislature that Hearing Aid Dealers be combined with the SLPA board.

### **B. IAC 880 1-2.1-9 – Supervisors; responsibilities**

The Board discussed its current rules in place with regards to limiting the number of SLPA support personnel a licensee could supervise. The Board determined that this limit was appropriate and that the rule should remain as written and the Board was not in favor of waiving this limit.

### **C. Supervision as Continuing Education**

The Board discussed whether it was appropriate to allow supervision to serve as continuing education. The Board determined that this was not an appropriate source of continuing education credits.

### **D. Discussion of Occupational Therapy scope of practice possible expansion to include dysphagia**

Genie McMillan appeared on behalf of the ISHA to make the Board aware that

A motion was made and seconded that the SLPA Board was not in favor of the evaluation or treatment of dysphagia by other licensed professions, such as occupational therapy, which had not already been provided for by statute.

Wong/Heymeyer  
Motion carried 4-0-0

**E. Continued discussion of Telepractice**

Carol Hession provided the Board with a number of websites which provide several examples of how other states have regulated telepractice. Ms. Hession volunteered to prepare a general outline of potential telepractice regulation in Indiana for the Board to consider at its next meeting.

**F. Projected 2013 Meeting Dates**

The Board will meet on January 8, 2013 and July 9, 2013.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

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**Andrea Gray, MS, CCC-A -- Board Chair**  
**Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_